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SUBJ: EXAMINATION OF AM BANKS IN SWITZERLAND: COMPTROLLER GENERAL
HEIMANN'S VISIT TO BERN: BIO INFO (EHRSAM, PAUL)

1. PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING BIO INFO TO COMPTROLLER
GENERAL'S PARTY:

2. DR PAUL EHRSAM: BORN 1917 IN GRENCHE, CANTON
SOLOTHURN, WHERE HE ATTENDED ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.
ATTENDED COLLEGE IN SARNEN, CANTON OBWALDEN, CONCEN-
TRATING ON CLASSICAL LANGUAGES. STUDIED LAW AT
UNIVS OF LAUSANNE AND BERN; GRADUATED FROM UNIV
OF LAUSANNE IN 1943; RECEIVED DOCTOR OF LAW DEGREE
WITH HONORS; DISSERTATION WAS ON CORPORATION AND
INHERITANCE LAW. CLERKED FOR SEVERAL LAW COURTS
IN CANTON SOLOTHURN. IN 1944 OPENED HIS OWN LAW
PRACTICE IN CANTON SOLOTHURN. JOINED FEDERAL
ADMINISTRATION IN 1945 (FEDERAL TAX ADMINISTRATION)
WHERE HE WAS PROMOTED TO DEP DIR OF LEGAL DEPT. IN
19"2 EHRSAM JOINED LEGAL DEPT OF SWISS FINANCE
ADMINISTRATION. HE WAS CHARGED WITH DRAFTING FEDERAL
LAW ON INVESTMENT FUNDS, WHICH HE COMPLETED IN 1967.
OTHER TAKS: REVISION OF SWISS BANKING LAW; REVISION
OF LAW ON SWISS NATL BANK. WAS PROMOTED TO DEPUTY
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CHIEF OF LEGAL SECTION. IN 1967 EHRSAM WAS APPOINTED
LEGAL ADVISOR OF SWISS NATL BANK IN ZURICH. WAS MADE
LEGAL SECTION CHIEF IN 1971 AND IN 1973 PROMOTED
TO MANAGER AND DEPUTY DEPT CHIEF. HAS BEEN MEMBER
OF SWISS BANKING COMMISSION SINCE 1976 AND SINCE 1971,
A MEMBER OF GROUP PREPARING REVISIONS OF BANKING LAW.
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